

**REMARKS**

A reconsideration is requested of Claims 1-6, wherein Claims 1 and 3 have been amended.

The sole rejection remaining in the application is the rejection of Claims 1 and 2 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by DEN 19613568.

As an initial matter, the Examiner indicates that the subject matter of Claims 3-6 is allowable over the art of record. As a result, Applicants have amended Claim 1 to include the feature of the insulating cover having a cross-section in a region where it covers the contact making surface and that an elastic projection is formed as a rim on the outside of the cross-section and extends in the axial direction, as previously defined in Claim 3. Applicants submit that Claim 1 now defines over the art of record. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of record and allowance of this application are earnestly solicited.

Should any questions arise in connection with this application or should the Examiner believe a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any remaining issues pertaining to this application, the undersigned respectfully requests that she be contacted at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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